

Roan Plateau Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Preliminary Issues for Analysis and Planning Criteria

Preliminary Issues identified for Analysis:

To date, the following preliminary issues have been identified for analysis: oil and gas development on and around the Roan Plateau, directional drilling from the base of the Roan Plateau, air quality impacts, the effect of critical habitat designations for endangered and threatened plants, and Greater Sage-grouse habitat.

Preliminary planning criteria include:

- (1) The Roan Plateau RMP Amendment will comply with NEPA, FLPMA, the Transfer Act, and all other applicable laws, regulations, and policies;
- (2) The Roan Plateau RMP Amendment will consider reasonable alternatives in accordance with regulations at 43 CFR part 1610 and 40 CFR part 1500;
- (3) Decisions in the Roan Plateau RMP Amendment will only apply to public lands and the mineral estate managed by the BLM;
- (4) The Roan Plateau RMP Amendment and supplementation process will follow the BLM Land Use Planning Handbook H-1601-1 and the BLM NEPA Handbook H-1790-1 where appropriate;
- (5) The Roan Plateau RMP Amendment planning process will include broad-based public participation;
- (6) The Roan Plateau RMP Amendment process will consider the identification and management of lands with wilderness characteristics;
- (7) The Roan Plateau RMP Amendment process will include coordination with state, local, and tribal governments to ensure that BLM considers provisions of pertinent plans, seeks to resolve any inconsistencies among state, local and tribal plans, and provides ample opportunities for state, local and tribal governments to comment on the development of the Plan amendment;

- (8) The Roan Plateau RMP Amendment process will rely on available inventories of the lands and resources as well as data gathered during the planning process;
- (9) The Roan Plateau RMP Amendment process will follow requirements to address Greater Sage-Grouse habitat and conservation as outlined in the National Sage-Grouse Habitat Conservation Strategy;
- (10) The Roan Plateau RMP Amendment process will use Geographic Information Systems and incorporate geospatial data to the extent practicable and Federal Geographic Data Committee standards and other applicable BLM data standards will be followed;
- (11) The Roan Plateau RMP Amendment will incorporate and observe the principles of multiple use and sustained yield;
- (12) The Roan Plateau RMP Amendment process will involve consultation with Native American tribal governments;
- (13) The Roan Plateau RMP Amendment will recognize valid existing rights; and
- (14) The Roan Plateau RMP Amendment and SEIS will use analysis in the Roan Plateau Final EIS to the extent possible and practicable.